

plan or proposal that is the subject of the review would be reasonably expected to, if implemented, cause a material reduction to the operation by the applicable issuer of a national security asset if that plan or proposal would, if implemented, cause—

(i) in a fiscal year, distributions, including capital distributions, with respect to the common stock of the issuer to exceed the net income of the issuer with respect to any of the 3 most recently completed fiscal years of the issuer;

(ii) the sale of any material line of business of the issuer with respect to which the issuer has, or had in any of the 3 most recently completed fiscal years of the issuer, a contract with the Federal Government; or

(iii) a reduction in expenditures on research and development by the issuer in an amount that is more than 50 percent, as compared with the amount of those expenditures in any of the 3 most recently completed fiscal years of the issuer.

(5) CONSENSUS.—

(A) **IN GENERAL.**—The Committee shall attempt to reach consensus with respect to determinations made under paragraph (4).

(B) **INABILITY TO REACH CONSENSUS.**—If the Committee is unable to reach consensus, as described in subparagraph (A)—

(i) the Chair shall present the issue to the Committee, which shall make a determination by majority vote; and

(ii) if the vote of the Committee under clause (i) is a tie, the Chair shall make the final decision regarding the applicable determination.

(C) **PUBLICLY AVAILABLE VERSION OF DETERMINATION.**—The Committee shall publish publicly a version of any determination made under paragraph (4) that provides the reasoning for the determination, which may have removed classified or other sensitive information from the determination or any analysis from the determination.

(D) IMPLEMENTATION.—

(i) **DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE.**—The Attorney General shall provide such funding and administrative support for the Committee as the Committee may require.

(ii) **OTHER DEPARTMENTS AND AGENCIES.**—The heads of executive departments and agencies shall provide, as appropriate and to the extent permitted by law, such resources, information, and assistance as required to implement the reviews required by paragraph (4) within their respective agencies, including the assignment of staff to perform the duties described in this subsection.

(6) **INAPPLICABILITY OF FEDERAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE ACT.**—The Federal Advisory Committee Act (5 U.S.C. App.) shall not apply with respect to the Committee or the activities of the Committee.

SA 1985. Mr. BARRASSO submitted an amendment intended to be proposed to amendment SA 1502 proposed by Mr. SCHUMER to the bill S. 1260, to establish a new Directorate for Technology and Innovation in the National Science Foundation, to establish a regional technology hub program, to require a strategy and report on economic security, science, research, innovation, manufacturing, and job creation, to establish a critical supply chain resiliency program, and for other purposes; which was ordered to lie on the table; as follows:

At the appropriate place in title V of division B, insert the following:

SEC. 25. NATIONAL STRATEGIC URANIUM RESERVE.

(a) **DEFINITIONS.**—In this section:

(1) **URANIUM RESERVE.**—The term “Uranium Reserve” means the uranium reserve operated pursuant to the program established under subsection (b).

(2) **SECRETARY.**—The term “Secretary” means the Secretary of Energy, acting through the Under Secretary for Science and Energy.

(b) **ESTABLISHMENT.**—Not later than 60 days after the date of enactment of this Act, the Secretary shall establish a program to operate a uranium reserve comprised of uranium recovered in the United States in accordance with this section.

(c) **PURPOSES.**—The purposes of the Uranium Reserve are—

(1) to address domestic nuclear supply chain issues;

(2) to provide assurance of the availability of uranium recovered in the United States in the event of a supply disruption; and

(3) to support strategic nuclear fuel cycle capabilities in the United States.

(d) **EXCLUSION.**—The Secretary shall exclude from the Uranium Reserve uranium that is recovered in the United States by an entity that—

(1) is owned or controlled by the Government of the Russian Federation or the Government of the People's Republic of China; or

(2) is organized under the laws of, or otherwise subject to the jurisdiction of, the Russian Federation or the People's Republic of China.

(e) **FUNDING.**—Notwithstanding any other provision of this Act, of the amounts authorized in section 2117(a), \$150,000,000 is authorized for each of fiscal years 2022 through 2026 to carry out this section.

SA 1986. Mr. BARRASSO submitted an amendment intended to be proposed to amendment SA 1502 proposed by Mr. SCHUMER to the bill S. 1260, to establish a new Directorate for Technology and Innovation in the National Science Foundation, to establish a regional technology hub program, to require a strategy and report on economic security, science, research, innovation, manufacturing, and job creation, to establish a critical supply chain resiliency program, and for other purposes; which was ordered to lie on the table; as follows:

At the appropriate place in title V of division B, insert the following:

SEC. 25. HA-LEU BANK.

(a) **DEFINITIONS.**—In this section:

(1) **HA-LEU.**—The term “HA-LEU” means high-assay, low-enriched uranium.

(2) **HA-LEU BANK.**—The term “HA-LEU Bank” means the HA-LEU Bank operated pursuant to the program established under subsection (b).

(3) **HIGH-ASSAY, LOW-ENRICHED URANIUM.**—The term “high-assay, low-enriched uranium” means uranium having an assay greater than 5.0 weight percent and less than 20.0 weight percent of the uranium-235 isotope.

(4) **SECRETARY.**—The term “Secretary” means the Secretary of Energy, acting through the Under Secretary for Science and Energy.

(b) **ESTABLISHMENT.**—Not later than 180 days after the date of enactment of this Act, the Secretary shall establish a program to operate a HA-LEU Bank in accordance with this section.

(c) **PURPOSES.**—The purposes of the HA-LEU Bank are—

(1) to provide for the availability of domestically produced HA-LEU;

(2) to address domestic nuclear supply chain issues; and

(3) to support strategic nuclear fuel cycle capabilities in the United States.

(d) **EXCLUSION.**—The Secretary shall exclude from the HA-LEU Bank uranium that is enriched by an entity that—

(1) is owned or controlled by the Government of the Russian Federation or the Government of the People's Republic of China; or

(2) is organized under the laws of, or otherwise subject to the jurisdiction of, the Russian Federation or the People's Republic of China.

(e) **FUNDING.**—Notwithstanding any other provision of this Act, of the amounts authorized in section 2117(a), \$150,000,000 is authorized for each of fiscal years 2022 through 2026 to carry out this section.

(f) **CONFORMING AMENDMENT.**—Section 2001(a)(2)(D) of the Energy Act of 2020 (42 U.S.C. 16281(a)(2)(D)) is amended—

(1) in clause (v)(III), by adding “or” after the semicolon at the end;

(2) by striking clause (vi); and

(3) by redesignating clause (vii) as clause (vi).

SA 1987. Mr. SCOTT of Florida (for himself, Mr. CRUZ, Ms. ERNST, and Mr. RUBIO) submitted an amendment intended to be proposed to amendment SA 1502 proposed by Mr. SCHUMER to the bill S. 1260, to establish a new Directorate for Technology and Innovation in the National Science Foundation, to establish a regional technology hub program, to require a strategy and report on economic security, science, research, innovation, manufacturing, and job creation, to establish a critical supply chain resiliency program, and for other purposes; which was ordered to lie on the table; as follows:

In title V of division B, at the end add the following:

SEC. 25. GRANTS FOR RESEARCHING COVID-19 ORIGINS.

(a) **AWARDS.**—Out of amounts made available to the Foundation under section 2116 for activities outside of the Directorate, the Director shall award grants to entities described in subsection (b) for the purpose of researching the origins of COVID-19, including researching any evidence of whether COVID-19—

(1) was in any way manufactured;

(2) escaped from a laboratory; or

(3) involved a zoonotic origin.

(b) **ELIGIBLE ENTITIES.**—An entity described in this subsection is an entity that—

(1) is based in the United States; and

(2) submits a proposal to the Director for a grant under this section, which shall ensure that the entity complies, and all activities supported through the grant will comply, with all policies and procedures with respect to research security under title III, including by complying with the policy guidelines under paragraphs (2) and (3) of section 2303(a) with respect to prohibitions on participation in a foreign government talent recruitment program of the People's Republic of China, the Democratic People's Republic of Korea, the Russian Federation, or the Islamic Republic of Iran as described in such paragraphs.

(c) **ANNUAL REPORTS.**—Not later than 1 year after the date of enactment of this Act, and annually thereafter through the year following the date described in subsection (d), the Director shall provide to Congress, and make publicly available, a report on the findings of the research supported through the grants under this section.